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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TATSUYA NIIMI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: DOTE, JANIS L  
SERIAL NO: 10/656,280 :  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1756  
FOR: ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC :  
APPARATUS, PROCESS CARTRIDGE  
FOR ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC  
APPARATUS, AND IMAGE FORMING  
METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.